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Funding boost secures future of community legal services



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COMMUNITIES across the Central Highlands will directly benefit from a multimillion-dollar funding boost to provide free legal services.

Central Queensland Community Legal Centre (CQCLC) will receive \$3.2 million over the next five years to deliver quality legal assistance to the community.

CQCLC president Rick Palmer said the team currently comprised five solicitors who service different regions across Central Queensland, including Emerald, Blackwater, Biloela and Rockhampton.

“While the mining sector has brought in people who are well off, there are lots of others who aren’t and need access to legal services,” Mr Palmer said.

“It’s important we are able to provide services for those people as well, and this funding will allow us to do that.”

The State-Commonwealth funding is being delivered through the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020-25.

The CQCLC provides general legal advice, referral and some casework on a full-time basis.

The centre also undertakes collaborative community legal education activities.

